[Shri Rajiv Gandhi]

actually 120 hours in the agreement. We are < ptimistic that it will take place. At the same time, 1 think we have to be realistic and I did talk about this in Sri Lanka. While the major exwrcise could be over in this time, there may be pockets and there may be sspects which may take a longer time to do and we have discus sed this with President Jayewardene and both of us feel that as long as the main thrust is moving well and the implementation is going on properly, we should not fuss too much about whether it is one hour this side or one hour that side and whether one little pocket has been left out here where some problem may occur. There should be really a practical view of it. With these deadliness, we will try our very best. Now that there are Indian forces also in the peninsula, I believe it would be much easier to go through with this exercise of bringing about peace and harmony. I have no doubt that the agreement will go through well in the time frames that are mentioned in the agreement and that it will strengthen Indr Sri Lankan friendship and strengthen our region tremendously. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING THE 3RD AUGUST, 1987

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Madam, with your permission, I rise to announce that Government Business in this House during the week commencing Monday, the 3rd August, 1987, will consist of: —

(1) Further consideration and passing of the Prevention of Corruption Bill, 1987.

(2) Consideration and passing of: —

(a) The Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

(b) The All-India Institute of Mledical Sciences and Post Gra duate Institute of Medical Educa tion and Research, Chandigarh (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

(c) The Parsi Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

(d) The Navy (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

(e) The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

(f) The Equal Remuneration (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

(g) The Cine-Workers Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill,. 1987, as passed by Lok Sabha.

II. re. Drought situation in the country

II STATEMENT BY MINISTER —

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Madam, I seek leave of the House to make a statement on the behaviour of • the South-West monsoon and its impact on the kharif crop production. I am aware that Hon'ble Members are very much concerned about the abnormal behaviour of South-West monsoon.

Monsoon set over South Kerala in time and gradually advanced northward satisfactorily till the middle of June. Thereafter, its progress was slow; and only on 23rd June, it advanced to Bihar. It was inactive for the next 12 days. Only by 8th July, it advanced to Himachal i Pradesh hills and Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir even thouh it j should have covered almost the en-j tire country except West Rajasthan by 1st July. Rains did not arrive in West Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, ! Punjab, Haryana and Delhi till 26th